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1. The following troop shipments were observed passing through the Naumburg railroad station on 7 and 8 March: one train with tanks proceeding from Halle to Georgenthal; two with artillery from Naumburg to Crawinkel and Georgenthal; three with tanks from Weissenfels to Georgenthal, Mecktersaedt and Oberhof; one from Zeitz to Ohrdruf; two with artillery and tanks from Naumburg to Gotha and Emleben; and three from Altenburg to Ohrdruf and Georgenthal.¹
2. Between 2 and 6 March, motor vehicle columns with AT guns left the barracks installations in Gotha and proceeded toward Erfurt and Ohrdruf. A motor vehicle column with AT guns was observed enroute from Gotha toward Langensalza on 12 March.¹
3. The following shipments were observed at the Rathenow railroad station on 15 March: a tank unit from Brandenburg to an undetermined destination, a tank unit from Burg to Altruppin, a shipment from Magdeburg to Fuerstenberg and a shipment from Altengrabow to Gransee. A shipment from Altengrabow to Gransee and one from Magdeburg to an undetermined destination were observed at Rathenow on 17 March.²
4. The following number of military trains were observed between 15 and 17 March: seven from Schwerin to Herzberg, three from Schwerin to Neustrelitz, two from Wismar to Herzberg and two from Hagenow to Herzberg.²

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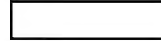
1. These observations indicate that elements of the 8th Guards Army started exercises in the Ohrdruf-Kindel area after 8 March. The exercises probably ended as early as 12 March.

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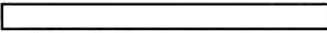
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2. See  concerning exercises by elements of the IX Rifle Corps in the Wittstock area. The present information indicates that the training area was in the Neuruppin-Neustrelitz-Wittstock triangle. The 94th Guards Rifle Division, elements of the 20th AT Artillery Brigade from Brandenburg, the 136th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment from Burg and possibly elements of the 3rd Guards AAA Division from Magdeburg participated in the exercise. No units of the 79th Rifle Corps were involved.

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